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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO HOLCAR IN SOUTHEAST OFFSHORE
CONCESSION AREA IN QATAR

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1. IN INTERVIEW CITED REFTEL (E), DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM AFFAIRS
ABDULLAH SALLAT REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN
INFORMATION ON MCCULLOCH OIL COMPANY OF 10880 WILSHIRE BLVD., LOS
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90024, TELEPHONE: (213) 879-5252. ACCORDING
TO SALLAT, REPRESENTATIVE OF MCCULLOCH OIL COMPANY HAS APPROACHED
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM SEEKING CONCESSION FORMERLY
HELD BY HOLCAR. INFORMATION REQUESTED INCLUDES CREDIT RATING,
SIZE OF COMPANY, AND GENERAL REPUTATION.

2. SALLAT SAID THAT THERE ARE OTHER U.S. COMPANIES ALSO IN
CONTENTION FOR EX-HOLCAR CONCESSION BUT THAT HE HAD ENOUGH
INFORMATION ON THESE UNNAMED COMPANIES. BEFORE CONSIDERING
MCCULLOCH OIL COMPANY, SALLAT SAID HE HAD TO HAVE ENOUGH
INFORMATION TO DETERMINE THAT MCCULLOCH OIL COMPANY WOULD NOT
MEET PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO THOSE ENCOUNTERED BY HOLCAR.
SALLAT HAS MCCULLOCH OIL COMPANY SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION
REPORT BUT SEEKS FURTHER INFORMATION.

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